



SUBSTANCE ABUSE EPIDEMIOLOGY WORK GROUP

September 21, 2016

1:00 p.m.

Governor's Office of Youth, Faith & Family
1700 West Washington St. Phoenix, AZ 85007

A general meeting of the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group (Epi Work Group) was convened on September 21, 2016 at the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith & Family, 1700 West Washington St. Phoenix, AZ 85007, notice having been duly given. Present and absent were the following members of the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group:

Members Present (9)

John Vivian, Ph.D., Chair
Maria Aguilar-Amaya, Ph.D.
S. Robert Bailey
Anne van Duijnhoven
Peggy Glider, Ph.D. (via phone)
Deborah Kurth, Ph.D.
Carlena Orosco (via phone)
James Riggs
Wendy Wolfersteig, Ph.D.

Staff/Guests Present (5)

Sam Burba - GOYFF
Matt Bilesky-ACJC
Marisol Diaz - SIRC
Michelle Skurka, AHCCCS
Tony Vidale -ACJC

Members Absent (4)

Linda Jewell
Jamie Ritchey, MPH, Ph.D
JB Kinlacheeny
Derek Patton



Call to Order

- **Dr. John Vivian, Chair**, called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. with nine (9) members and five (5) staff/guests present.

Welcome/Introductions

- **Dr. Vivian** asked each member and guest to introduce him/herself.

Review of Packet and Agenda*

- **Dr. Vivian** reviewed the agenda and packet of meeting materials with members and guests.

Approval of Minutes*

- **Dr. Vivian** requested a review of the August 17th, 2016 meeting minutes.
 - **Robert Bailey** moved to accept the minutes. **James Riggs** seconded. The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

ASAP Information Sharing

- **Dr. Vivian** and the group discussed how to proceed in addressing the perceived data gaps requested by ASAP. **Dr. Vivian** advanced down the list of data gaps and asked members to share results they had found about the existence or not of relevant data. Much discussion was held on definitions and how data could and could not be extracted from existing databases, as well as the time involved. In the time allotted, the first 10 of the 20 items were discussed.
 1. Child neglect data including drug-related child deaths, foster care removals, and associated risk factors - **Dr. Kurth** discussed how this needed to be narrowed in order to relate to existing data.
 2. Child poisonings – **Mr. Bailey** provided some information based on hospital admissions but it is not the entire picture; information needed from Poison Control hotline.
 3. Arizona interdiction seizures –
 - High Intensity Trafficking Area does publications every year; these data may overlap with the ACJC data but ACJC does not have access to all data.
 - ACJC, **Ms. Orosco**, **Mr. Bileski** and **Mr. Vidal** reported that these data existed by drug type and by seizure type for the 14 county projects funded by ACJC (Maricopa County is the exception).
 4. Crime data related to specific drugs – **Ms. Orosco**, **Mr. Bileski** and **Mr. Vidal** reported that ACJC had the Uniform Crime Report data on crimes reported and arrests but it may not be a complete data set.
 5. Drug use among homeless population - No member knew if the data exist.
 6. Drug use related to suicide info – **Mr. Bailey** again provided a table/report from ADHS data that uses by primary cause of death or related events, but using the ICD codes may not provide a complete picture.
 7. THC Potency – **Dr. Vivian** handed out a data table on Potency of Tested Cannabis that was published as part of the *National Control Strategy Data Supplemental 2014*, but is not specific to Arizona.
 8. Medical Examiners, overdose death, substance specific
 - **Mr. Bailey** again provided a table/report from ADHS data that showed opiate, multi-drug and poly-drug deaths, but using the ICD codes may not provide a complete picture.
 9. Substance abuse by veterans - **Dr. Vivian** asked **Dr. Aguilar-Amaya** if AOC had any data on veteran's courts.
 10. Regional substance abuse areas – ADHS uses Primary Care Area designations, and ACJC will be incorporating those in to the CDP, is that what is being asked for here?
 - **Dr. Vivian** suggested that individual members write up questions, definitions, and caveats that could be delivered to ASAP at their next meeting. The definitions and caveats are due to Mr. Burba by close of business on Friday, September 30.



Community Data Project ACJC

- **Matt Bileski**, a Senior Research Analyst with ACJC, presented about the CDP and requested feedback about how it could be improved. Specifically he would like to know what indicators can easily be updated by other agencies providing data to ACJC on an ongoing, regular basis, and wanted to know how to best maintain the most up to date information. He also asked about other indicators that could/should be included.
- **Matt Bileski** expressed the desire to have the CDP be a one-stop shop location for research data.
- **Dr. Vivian** explained how creating quality data is a time consuming process, but that Epi members were committed to assisting in this work. The discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Recidivism Rates – Adult Probations

- As a new Epi member, **Dr. Aguilar-Amaya** presented information on AOC Adult Probation. She discussed the move to EBP in AOC beginning over 10 years ago and how it continues; she also presented statistics on the populations involved with AOC, and that there has been a decrease of 2,153 revocations.

Using Data to Empower Arizona Communities

- **Dr. Wendy Wolfersteig** gave an update on future and upcoming *Using Data to Empower Arizona Communities* trainings, two with AZENet as co-sponsor.

Next Meeting

- Next meeting will be October 5, 2016 at 1:00pm.

Adjournment

- **James Riggs** moved to adjourn. **Dr. Kurth** seconded. The meeting adjourned at 3:11pm.

Dated the 21st day of September, 2016
Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group
Respectfully Submitted By:
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